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1. The following former members of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia are alleged Cominformists:

Dr. Heli Modic
Dr. Alojzij Zigon
Ciril Dekleva
Edo Thurner
Joze Juranic

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2. Constantly on the alert for a sudden Cominform putsch and despite numerous and continuing arrests, the UDB to date has not identified or apprehended the leaders of the internal Cominform resistance, who are reportedly receiving directives and support from Hungary and Bulgaria. In this connection, Cominform sabotage has been reported to be particularly strong in Montenegro and in the Kosovo region near the Albanian frontier.
3. Zdenka Kidric, wife of Boris Kidric, although previously charged as being a Trotskyite is now reported to be a Cominformist. Her present whereabouts are unknown.

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Comment :

1. Zdenka Kidric (nee Arnic), a Communist Party youth organizer before the war, married Boris Kidric in prison in 1941. Throughout the war she was an active partisan organizer, and an OZNA agent. She was responsible for many atrocities against Yugoslav nationalists. Her marriage to Kidric has been described as one "of convenience". Kidric himself was reported in disgrace with the Tito regime in the months prior to the split with the Cominform (June 1948), but has since become a member of the Yugoslav Communist Party Politburo.
2. Dr. Helij Modic is a member of the Federal UDB for Slovenia and Chairman of the Military Tribunal of 4 Army. He is 35 years old.

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3. Dr. Alojzij Zigon, is a member of the Federal UDB for Slovenia, an old Communist Party veteran, and Chairman of the Supreme Court of Slovenia. Age 60.
4. Dr. Ciril Dekleva was affiliated with the "International Transport" in Belgrade in 1947 when he attended the Austro-Yugoslav Railway Conference held in Ljubljana.
5. Edo Turner is a member of the Central Committee of the OF (Liberation Front) and an old-time Communist Party member. His name is also spelled Edmund Turnher.
6. Jozse Juranic -- No information available.

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